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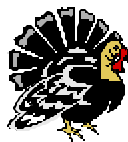
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| BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ | | F | 245.00 | 40 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/ | | F | 289.17 | 240 |
| THIGH MEAT | 94.00 | | 94.00 | 80 |
| THIGH MEAT--FRESH | | M | 93.00 | 40 |
| BREAST TRIM MEAT | | M | 165.00 | 40 |
| SCAPULA MEAT | | R | 111.00 | 4 |
| TENDERLOINS | | | | |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS | | F | 221.50 | 80 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH | | F | 233.51 | 68 |
| WING MEAT WITH SKIN | | F | 68.00 | 40 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | F | 24.00 | 40 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/ | | F | 26.00 | 87 |

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| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | | W | 36.26 | 316 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | F | 41.50 | 624 |
| TAILS | | M | 31.00 | 40 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | F | 23.07 | 184 |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | 92.00-100.00 | | 93.63 | 196 |

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

| | RANGE |
|------------------------------|-------|
| FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16# | 88-96 |
| FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24# | 88-96 |
| FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16# | 78-90 |
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|----------------------|------------|--------|--------|
| SEASON | HEAVY | HEAVY | ALL |
| JULY 1 TO JUNE 30 | WHITE | WHITE | BREEDS |
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